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SUBJECT: DAR TALKS ON ANGOLA CONCLUDE; CUBAN DELEGATION ARRIVES

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ZAMBIAN PRESS JANUARY 15 REPORTS
CONCLUSION OF QUADRIpartite TALKS ON ANGOLA IN DAR, NOTING NO
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED. TIMES OF ZAMBIA QUOTES SOURCES CLOSE TO
(ZAMBIAN?) DELEGATION AS STATING THAT DESPITE DIFFERENCES IN
OPINION BETWEEN FOUR PRESIDENTS, TALKS WERE CENTERED ON SEEKING
SOLUTION TO ANGOLAN PROBLEM. ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL REPORTED THAT
DESPITE EVIDENCE OF ANY AGREEMENT AMONG THEM, FOUR LEADERS
HAD EMERGED FROM THREE - HOUR MEETING SMILING AND HAD DRIVEN
ALL TOGETHER IN NYERERE'S ROLLS ROYCE TO AIRPORT. PRESIDENTS

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KAUNDA AND KHAMA RETURNED LUSAKA LAST NIGHT, LATTER LEAVING
IMMEDIATELY FOR GABORONE.

2. MEANWHILE, SIX-MAN CUBAN DELEGATION HEADED BY CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OSMANY CIENFUEGOS ARRIVED LUSAKA JAN 14 FOR THREE-DAY VISIT, APPARENTLY IN RESPONSE TO INVITATION ISSUED BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA DURING HIS VISIT TO CUBA LAST APRIL. PRESS REPORTS CIENFUEGOS IN AIRPORT STATEMENT EXONERATED CUBA OF SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANGOLAN BLOODBATH SINCE OTHER INTERVENTIONIST FORCES ALSO IN THAT TERRITORY. SAID CUBAN AID TO MPLA GRANTED AFTER REQUEST BY ANGOSTINHO NETO AND THIS AID WOULD CONTINUE SO LONG AS NETO WISHED IT TO. CIENFUEGOS QUOTED AS SAYING HE RECOGNIZED THAT CUBAN INTERVENTION HELPING TO PROLONG ANGOLAN WAR BUT THAT THIS IS "UNAVOIDABLE". CUBANS ARE TO HOLD SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH GRZ OFFICIALS AIMED AT CONSOLIDATING RELATIONS AND TO DELIVER MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA FROM FIDEL CASTRO. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. COMMENT: THIS PROBABLY SAME CUBAN DELEGATION CHONA TOLD US SCHEDULED VISIT ZAMBIA BEFORE OAU SUMMIT. WHILE HERE CUBANS WILL NOT ONLY TRY TO JUSTIFY THEIR ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT TO ZAMBIANS IN ORDER PRESERVE FAIRLY CORDIAL TIES THAT HAD DEVELOPED BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, BUT ALSO DO WHAT THEY CAN TO TRY CONVINCE ZAMBIANS COME OVER INTO PRO-MPLA CAMP. IN THIS RESPECT CUBANS LIKELY PROVE BETTER ADVOCATES THAT SOVIETS, WHOM KAUNDA DEEPLY DISTRUSTS, BUT THEY FACE DIFFICULT UPHILL TASK IN VIEW STRONG KAUNDA COMMITMENT TO END OF ALL FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AND ESTABLISHMENT THERE OF GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY INCLUDING FNLA AND UNITA REPRESENTATIVES. WE OF COURSE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN ENCOURAGE KAUNDA HOLD FIRM AND RESIST CUBAN BLANDISHMENTS AND PRESSURES.

4. CHONA HAS TWICE PHONED AMBASSADOR SINCE RETURNING WITH KAUNDA FROM ADDIS WANTING TO GET TOGETHER BUT SO FAR UNABLE TO FIX HOUR FOR MEETING BECAUSE OF HEAVY DEMANDS ON HIS TIME. BRIEFLY SAID OAU MEETING CAME OUT "MORE OR LESS AS ANTICIPATED; AT LEAST WE SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING SOME AFRICANS FROM BULL-DOZING OTHERS ALL OVER PLACE INTO MPLA RECOGNITION". FROM LOCAL SOURCES CLOSE TO CHONA WE LEARNED HE ALSO JUGGLING RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PROBLEM WHICH CHONA COMMENTED SHOULD REACH DECISIVE STAGE AT MEETINGS JAN 19-20.

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